

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Art Unit

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendments filed on 06/21/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 21,23,24 and 31-35.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. **Claims 21, 23-24 and 31-35** are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Consider **claim 21**, the best prior art of record found during the examination of the present application, **Nojima et al. (US Patent 4772856)** in view of **Dent (US Patent 6889034)** fail to specifically disclose wherein a signal generated by the power amplifier is divided into two part signals of equal size and fed to the plurality phase modifiers.

Consider **claim 21**, Nojima et al. disclose an apparatus for optimizing the efficiency of an amplifier arrangement comprising (Abstract, figures 4 and 5, column 4 line 45-column 5 line 8, column 5 line 66-column 6 line 2): a non-linear power amplifier (figure 5, amplifier 34) in a mobile radio device (column 1 lines 5-7, column 8 lines 58-60); and a plurality of push-pull phase modifiers coupled to said amplifier (figure 5, phase shifters 44 and 52 having phase inversion capability, push-pull phase shifting), wherein said phase modifiers generate a signal offset in phase (phase inverting) from an input signal and wherein the outputs of the phase modifiers are coupled to a passive component (figure 5, combiner 47).

However, Nojima et al. fail to disclose wherein a symmetrical transformer included in the amplifier arrangement is used as the passive component, and wherein

a voltage is decoupled in the symmetrical transformer that is rectified in a rectifier, and wherein the direct current output by the rectifier is fed to a supply unit as charge current.

In the same field of endeavor, Dent discloses wherein a symmetrical transformer included in the amplifier arrangement is used as the passive component, and wherein a voltage is decoupled in the symmetrical transformer that is rectified in a rectifier, and wherein the direct current output by the rectifier is fed to a supply unit as charge current (figure 2, column 4 lines 7-44, the coupler comprises a transformer as shown in figure 3).

Nojima et al. in view of Dent disclose (Nojima et al., figure 4) a divider 31 equally divides an input signal from the input terminal 11, and the divider 31 has its two output terminals connected to the inputs of first and second amplifying means 32 and 33, respectively. These teachings clearly differ from the claimed invention; therefore, claims 21, 23-24 and 31-35 of the present application are considered novel and non-obvious over the prior art and, consequently, are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

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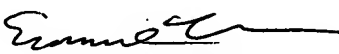
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RuiMeng Hu whose telephone number is 571-270-1105. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban can be reached on 571-272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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